

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

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WHEREAS, John Cook was born April 19, 1956, in Chula Vista, California; and

WHEREAS, John Cook became the head coach of the University of Nebraska volleyball team in 2000 and led the team to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I championship in his first year. He then led the Nebraska volleyball team to championship titles in 2006, 2015, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, John Cook was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Coach of the Year in 2000, 2005, and 2023, and conference coach of the year seven times across Nebraska's participation in the Big 12 and Big Ten Conferences, received the USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Award in 2008, and was inducted into the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, while John Cook was head coach, Nebraska volleyball produced five Olympians, three American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Players of the Year, seventy-two American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Americans, three Academic All-Americans of the Year, twenty-five Academic All-Americans, and ten conference players of the year; and

WHEREAS, John Cook and the Nebraska Cornhuskers hosted the Omaha Mavericks at Memorial Stadium for Volleyball Day in Nebraska, where the official attendance was 92,003, the highest ever attendance at Memorial Stadium and the world record for attendance at any women's sporting event; and

WHEREAS, John Cook announced his retirement on January 29, 2025, after

having served as head coach for twenty-five years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates John Cook on his many accomplishments over his outstanding career.
2. That the Legislature thanks John Cook for his contributions to the State of Nebraska.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to John Cook.